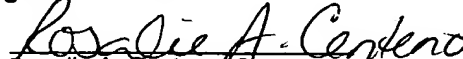


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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference(s):

- 1) DE 198 59 470.4
- 2) JP 03190134
- 3) US 4,783,249
- 4) US 5,437,777
- 5) US 5,447,615
- 6) JP 6-45282 (A)
- 7) JP 0030277795 AA

The relevance of reference 1 has been discussed in the instant specification on page 1.

References 2 and 3 have been cited in the International Search Report and are submitted to provide the Examiner easy access to said references.

References 4 – 7 are in the English language and require no further discussion.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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